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### **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair) (Left 12pm)  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair) (arrived 11:30am)  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC (left at 2:30)  
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW  
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN  
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC  
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW (Left 12pm)  
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC (left at 2:30pm)  
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW (left at 3pm)  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (was available by phone conference)

##### **Also attending:**

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director (substituting for Dr. Walker)  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

##### **Announcement of Quorum**

Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:37 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**A. October 14, 2015 Public Session Minutes**

*Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*No items to review.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The following members of the public were present, but did not comment:*

*Lisa LaBrunda*

*Alison Strobel, Social Work Intern, DHS/ Rutgers*

**A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ**

- Ms. Weston inquired if an LSW is in a psychoanalytical program, can they use those hours towards licensure for LCSW. The Board informed Ms. Weston that they could, with an appropriate supervisor.

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

- A.** Laurel Bertram - Khin Myo is approved as Ms. Bertram's supervisor

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Bradley, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW, LSW and CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

*Dr. Bradley recused for Jill Nicolosi*

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

**Katherine Acosta**

**Kia N. Alexander**

**Amy Kathryn L. Benedetto**

**Robin L. Bernstein**

**Janeth A. Burgos-Corredor**

**JeLeah J. Butler**

**LilyAnn Cespuglio**

**Sandra T. Close**

**Elizabeth A. Cooper**

**Elizabeth C. Corona**

**Christine A. Deogracias**

**Michael V. Finnigan**

**Mi K. Hargrove**

**Laura Hoffman**

**Danielle C. Holmes**

**Stephanie L. Iannelli**

**Christine Juliano  
Caitlin D. Kelly  
Lori S. Lepore  
Lorraine M. Leschhorn  
Janine Martino  
Judith Nichols  
Katinka V. Rife  
Katie E. Robbins  
Paul D. Rogers  
Denise G. Rue  
Danielle M. Sabestinas  
Keyla S. Silva-Byrd  
Tejal B. Toprani  
Laura A. Tyson  
Amy E. Vansant  
Yael Yankelwitz  
Melissa L. Young**

**PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:**

**Jacqueline Adrian  
Kelsey M. Allen-Dicker  
Beth A. Aymar  
Fanteema Barnes-Watson  
Yocheved Bitton  
Vanessa A. Boykewich  
Sondy Cadeau  
Sallyanne Carbon  
Stephanie D. Cardillo  
Temitope S. Coates  
Donna D'Angelo  
Sarah J. Darish  
Ashley L. Feibisch  
Irem E. Gannon  
Jane M. Griess  
Laura A. Hennessy  
MaryAnn Hom  
Ivy J. Horan  
Rivi Katz  
Danielle N. Leone  
Abbie L. Loughran  
Luz V. Matos  
Kelly P.S. McGinnis  
Karen McMahon  
Margaret Moran  
Kelly L. Nance  
Jill L. Nicolosi  
Rosemarie N. Patrizio  
Ryan R. Piester**

**Michelle E. Rittweger**  
**Jessica M. Schwartz**  
**Anna M. Strain**  
**Michelle M. Taylor**  
**Rose J. Testa**  
**Madeline L. Till**  
**Stephanie L. Warm**  
**Megan M. Washburn**

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

*Ms. Borden recused for Lydia Trojanowski*

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

<b>Adams</b>	<b>McCall</b>	<b>P.</b>
<b>Alumkal</b>	<b>Anjali</b>	<b>M.F.</b>
<b>Brown</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Amy</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Davey</b>	<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Deitsch</b>	<b>Hadassah</b>	
<b>Deshommes</b>	<b>Andie</b>	
<b>Donovan-Cook</b>	<b>Kate</b>	
<b>Drucker</b>	<b>Elyse</b>	<b>B.</b>
<b>Drury</b>	<b>Erin</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Echols</b>	<b>Urszula</b>	<b>I.</b>
<b>Edman</b>	<b>Jill</b>	<b>H.</b>
<b>Goldenberg</b>	<b>Gene</b>	
<b>Goldman</b>	<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Gottlib</b>	<b>Natali</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Hila</b>	<b>Revah</b>	
<b>Hiller</b>	<b>Linda</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Kamthan</b>	<b>Nishant</b>	
<b>Kluin</b>	<b>Kristen</b>	<b>R.</b>
<b>Lipman</b>	<b>Gigi</b>	
<b>Loalbo</b>	<b>Michelle</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Montemore</b>	<b>Christopher</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Munn</b>	<b>Jillian</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Murillo Cueva</b>	<b>Dorys</b>	
<b>Murphy-Polglaze</b>	<b>Seana</b>	
<b>Okonkwo</b>	<b>Chinazaekpere</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Tanisha</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Reilly</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Rockwitz Grin</b>	<b>Jennifer</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Rodriguez</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>A.</b>

<b>Selengut</b>	<b>David</b>	
<b>Soracchi</b>	<b>Alessandra</b>	
<b>Taormina</b>	<b>Meghan</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Williams</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>C.</b>
<b>Zarayko</b>	<b>Rachel</b>	<b>M.</b>

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

<b>Ale</b>	<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Arzig</b>	<b>Katherine</b>	<b>R.</b>
<b>Cabot</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>S.</b>
<b>Chapel</b>	<b>Eileen</b>	<b>C.</b>
<b>Critides</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>deMontagnac</b>	<b>Angela</b>	<b>V.</b>
<b>Essel</b>	<b>Nina</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Gaskins</b>	<b>Brittani</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Gibilisco</b>	<b>Marie</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Graceffo</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Herzog</b>	<b>Jennifer</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Nichole</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Jung</b>	<b>Karen</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Katz-Loffman</b>	<b>Caryn</b>	<b>S.</b>
<b>Kendall</b>	<b>Noni</b>	
<b>Lundgren</b>	<b>Ann</b>	<b>K.</b>
<b>Marchon</b>	<b>Sara</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Marky</b>	<b>Stefanie</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Mayers</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>B.</b>
<b>McCauley</b>	<b>Angela</b>	<b>C.</b>
<b>McEvoy</b>	<b>Michelle</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>McFadden</b>	<b>Meghan</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Mendoza</b>	<b>Sally</b>	
<b>Meyer</b>	<b>Katherine</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Pandiscia</b>	<b>Nancy</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Pruden</b>	<b>Christina</b>	<b>R.</b>
<b>Purwin</b>	<b>Nicole</b>	
<b>Raducz</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Rosenzweig</b>	<b>Malka</b>	
<b>Ruiz</b>	<b>Christine</b>	
<b>Scabonia</b>	<b>Molly</b>	<b>R.</b>
<b>Shukla-Accardi</b>	<b>Anita</b>	<b>V.</b>
<b>Simmons</b>	<b>Nafeesa</b>	<b>T.</b>
<b>Smith</b>	<b>Dana</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Taylor</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>C.</b>

<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Torell</b>	<b>Courtney</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Trojanowski</b>	<b>Lydia</b>	
<b>Ugoji</b>	<b>Nkechinyer</b>	
<b>Wellington-Simpson</b>	<b>Tiffany</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Janeen</b>	<b>M.</b>

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

**Nayda L. Cacho**  
**Briana M. Canavan**  
**Lousie M. Donohoe**  
**Leslie Fernandez**  
**Jessica Gardner**  
**Neiniah K. Kollie**  
**Sara R. Leonelli**  
**Farrah M. Maurice**  
**Marie G. Mednard**  
**Yaitza E. Resto**  
**Jesse J. Violante**

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

**Elena Antokhina**  
**Tamera J. Bell**  
**Gina M. Boscaino**  
**YaJaira Colon**  
**Camille Cuentas**  
**Grace A. Gordon**  
**Valerie M. Iquierdo**  
**Grazyna A. Jarmosiewicz**  
**Diana P. Loayza**  
**Kathryn R. Mennen**  
**Jose A. Morales**  
**Heather L. Piekarski**  
**Yolanda R. Shelton**  
**Heather L. Piekarski**  
**Danyell T. Smith-Ekhaguere**  
**Merrideth J. Trocano**  
**Cortney N. Wortman**  
**Cassandra F. Wright**

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Susan Koerner, LCSW**

The Board reviewed Ms. Koerner's request for a refund of her late renewal fee. Ms. Koerner renewed her license on September 18, 2014, during the late period. Ms. Koerner stated that she could not renew online due to the website being down. The website was

down for a brief period of time during the beginning of the renewal period, but was corrected very shortly thereafter. There were thirty (30) days available for renewal online.

*Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Manley, the Board voted to deny Ms. Koerner's request for a refund. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Steven Tilley, Director of Emergency Services/ Screening Coordinator**

The Board reviewed Mr. Tilley's question regarding an applicant for a screening position who is an MSW, but does not have her license, and will not be doing psychotherapy.

*Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. McKernan, the Board voted to inform Mr. Tilley that as long as it is non-profit, then the MSW can work with a screening certificate. Voting in favor: all.*

**IX. OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**A. I/M/O Patricia Scullion, LSW**

The Board reviewed Ms. Scullion's signed Consent Order.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**B. I/M/O Lori Yakita, LSW**

The Board reviewed Ms. Yakita's signed Consent Order.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Regulations Committee will schedule another meeting to review the regulations.

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**MEETING DATE FOR 2016**

January 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

February 10, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

March 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

April 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

May 11, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

June 8, 2106 - Hudson Conference Room

July 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

August 10, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

September 14, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

October 19, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

November 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

December 14, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 10:00 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Dr. Cox, seconded by Dr. Bradley. The Board re-entered public session at 3:20 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Sperling, and seconded by Ms. McKernan to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Chair